

A Cordial Endorsement.

On another page of The Gazette will be found a very cordial endorsement of the Hon. H. U. Stephenson, candidate for the House of Delegates, on the part of his friends in Williamsburg. A glance at these names, many of them familiar throughout the district, will give some idea as to the nature of the support he is receiving here. Among the men whose names are signed to the card are lawyers, bankers, business men, mechanics, large property owners, in fact all interests are represented among the eighty odd who signed.

Coming as it does from his home people, from men who know him well, many of whom have had close associations with him for many years, should have strong weight with those who do not know him so intimately. Of course, the list does not represent much more than half of those who will support Dr. Stephenson here in the coming primary, the object of his friends not being to get all his supporters but some from all classes to show the general confidence in him as a man and as a public servant. Dr. Stephenson has every reason to be proud of the general endorsement given him and the confidence reposed in him as a man and fellow-citizen.

It has been called to our attention both here and in New Kent that Mr. E. C. Madison has said that in reply to a certain editorial printed in this paper (in which we pointed out that he had misstated certain facts) the editor of The Gazette had not printed all of his communication. At New Kent Tuesday we discussed the matter with Mr. Madison at which time, in the presence of Mr. W. R. Williams, to whom he had made this statement, we told him he was in error, and that we had printed everything he wrote in reply, omitting only such stuff as, from our point of view, was irrelevant, in so far as his own explanation of the case was concerned. The other letters which he submitted simply bore out the contention of others that what he had said was true, and we considered that our opinion was just as good as theirs or Mr. Madison's either as for that. The impression that Mr. Madison is making is that we are not "giving him the square deal," and is gaining some sympathy, perhaps, for it. We never deny to any man the right to defend himself in these columns without cost or charge of any kind, when he is attacked through this paper. We have never refused to print a line from Mr. Madison, except the letters he tried to run in on us which were simply other people's opinions, not his own, and are the same he read at New Kent Tuesday. We want to say to the readers of this paper, as we did to Mr. Madison in the presence of Mr. Williams, that these columns are always open to him to defend his record, if it is attacked by us, in any reasonable or sensible reply without it costing him one cent. If he wants to advertise his candidacy in this district he will have to pay for it. We are, candidly, not enough interested in him to do it free, for we believe it would be little short of a catastrophe for him to be elected to the House of Delegates from this district. We are in a position to tell him why, if he wants to know. We shall not, however, for we do not fear his election. We trust that he will not try to play on your sympathies with any story like the one we refer to above, because

we have never denied him the opportunity to defend himself in this paper, and never will.

We are sure that the voters who heard the joint discussion at New Kent courthouse Tuesday between Mr. Madison and Dr. Stephenson, meant no discourtesy to Mr. Madison when they refused to hear him further and who left the court-room when he asked them to hear him again. We can assure all concerned that Dr. Stephenson had nothing to do with the actions of the people present, although all but three or four seemed to be his supporters. Some of them remarked that they had had enough and that Madison would have to get some other reason than Dr. Stephenson's alleged promise not to oppose him before they cared to hear any more. Nor was there any attempt on the part of Stephenson's friends to pack the court-room with his supporters. The doctor did not reach the courthouse till after one o'clock and the speaking took place in about two hours. We were present among the people all morning and it was not even known that there would be a joint discussion. It was simply one of those unaccountable things that sometimes happen to politicians with whom the voters are not in sympathy, and had no personal animus in it. The New Kent people impressed us as too honorable and too fair minded to be guilty of discourtesy to a fellow citizen, no matter what their feelings were toward him politically.

The Gazette would make a special request of those who wish to use its columns for the announcement of funerals. We would ask that unless the hour for the funeral is absolutely agreed upon, if there is any possibility, except for unforeseen reasons, of a change in the hour, that no time be printed in this paper. On two occasions recently this paper has had to take the blame for announcing the wrong hours for the funerals in question. One was postponed an hour, the other an hour and a half. Many of our readers, taking it for granted that the time printed in the paper was correct, have gone too early, resulting in inconvenience and embarrassment. This is an important matter to us and to the public, and will make this simple request of our friends.

The wonder to us is that the Peninsula trucker does not grow a good late potato crop, instead of confining himself to the early crop. The demand locally for the late crop is better by far than the early one. Thousands of dollars annually are sent out of the state for Irish potatoes. Why not keep that money at home by producing the crop here? The Virginia potato is far superior to the western article and we trust that next year more attention be given to the late crop and that a large acreage will be planted. They rarely sell for less than a dollar a bushel on the local market, equal to about \$3 per barrel.

After spending Sunday here with her parents, little Elizabeth Johnston returned to St. Francis hospital, Newport News, where she is undergoing treatment for her eyes by Dr. J. W. C. Jones. She will return home Monday for good when it is thought her eyes will be entirely well, judging from the improvement shown by last week's treatment.

FOR STATE SENATE

TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF THE 38th SENATORIAL DISTRICT:

I hereby announce myself a candidate for reelection to the Senate of Virginia, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, Sept. 7, to represent the District composed of the counties of Hanover, Henrico, Charles City, New Kent, James City and the City of Williamsburg.

I desire to thank you for your former support, and if renominated and elected, I shall continue to serve the people to the best of my ability.

Yours respectfully,
T. ASHBY WICKHAM

Make Annual Settlement.

(Continued from page 1.)

The entire session was practically taken up with the settlement with the treasurer for 1910. It was a big job to go over \$13,000 in accounts. The balance for 1910 was found to be about \$3,000, which is subject to insolvents and delinquents. The accounts were found correct in every particular, and a full statement will appear in a few weeks. Routine business was transacted, a number of accounts were allowed, after which the board adjourned.

Toano.

Toano, Va., July 26—Mr. H. N. Phillips, of the Peninsula Bank, is in Toano this week filling the place of Mr. Geddy, who is off on his vacation.

Vernon Geddy was in Toano Tuesday.

The potato buyers have left as the farmers, with the exception of a few, have finished digging. The farmers are well pleased with results. Certainly they were far beyond their expectations. The commission merchants lost as the potatoes rotted so soon after getting to market and had to be picked over before selling.

Miss Annie Waddill is the guest of Mrs. H. M. Clay.

Miss Pearl Farthing, of Newport News, was the week end guest of Mrs. Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Geddy spent Sunday at the home of Mr. S. S. Hankins.

Mrs. L. E. Holloway and daughter are visiting in Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson are visiting the parents of Mrs. Marston.

Miss Theo Harwood, of Newport News, has been the guest of Miss Lura Marston.

Miss Ruth Driscoll has returned from a pleasant visit to Richmond.

Miss Eloise Plesants has come home after spending several weeks in the hospital.

Mrs. Myrtle Whitaker is quite sick at her home near Toano.

Margherita Martin, who has been quite ill is better.

Putting in Fine Stock.

R. L. Spencer, successor to Spencer & Bro., is putting in one of the finest stocks of groceries ever carried in Williamsburg. He has just added a lot of hams and breakfast bacon that is considered the best on the market today, which he will sell at the same price usually charged for the inferior brands. New stock is being added in other departments and the store will soon be stocked fresh throughout. The big reduction he is offering in the old stock is attracting buyers from every quarter, and it is moving out with great rapidity. The prices at which these seasonable goods are marked is a real inducement to the economical buyer.

Mr. Spencer will put on a delivery wagon shortly and will deliver orders at the door, having adopted as a motto "Prompt delivery, courteous treatment and low prices," a pretty good combination.

Holdcroft.

Holdcroft, Va., July 24—There is great improvement in the crops since the recent rains began, and what seemed almost lost crops now bid fair to produce a fair yield.

Rev. B. F. Robinson and J. W. Binns attended the Dover Association at Colosse church, King William county, last week.

Mr. John R. Binns, of Norfolk, is visiting his father, Mr. C. J. Binns. Mr. Binns was for a number of years a prominent wood merchant of Norfolk. Since his retirement from business he has travelled extensively in the South Atlantic states and in the north. It is hoped ere long that the amiable John R. will with the lady of his choice settle down to a less strenuous life.

One of the most progressive young business men of this section is Mr. John L. Parsons, of this place. A number of years ago he started in the piling business being very successful from the outset. Mr. Parsons has operated extensively in the Peninsula counties and south of the James. He is also engaged in farming, being one of the most prominent peanut raisers in this district.

Mrs. Fannie Lloyd, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, is visiting her mother, Mrs. D. C. Southall.

Miss Annie Wyatt, of Richmond, is visiting her friend, Miss Helen Furcross, of Wilcox Neck.

Others visiting here this week are Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Clayton and Audrey W. Binns, of Richmond, and Mrs. C. H. Morecock and children, of Princess Anne.

Misses Carrie Belle and Kate Woolfolk, who are visiting relatives near Binns Hall, leave this week for their homes in Northampton and Richmond.

Protracted meeting services will begin at Mt. Pleasant church next Sunday. The pastor, Rev. B. F. Robinson, will be assisted by Rev. W. C. Sale, of Manchester.

The Providence Forge nine are expected to cross bats with the local team Tuesday. The locals will win or be greatly disappointed.

Ticks and politics are quite noticeable in this section. The former, however, are not so hard to dispose of.

Capt. C. M. Inman and children, of Williamsburg, former residents of this place, are the guests of Capt. H. C. Curtis.

Some of the members of the Methodist church gave their pastor, Rev. E. K. Odell and his good wife, a surprise on last Saturday by presenting them with an assortment of the substantial and delicacies of the season. Rev. and Mrs. Odell are trying the experiment, for a few weeks during the summer, of keeping house and are living in Prof. Keeble's home during his absence from the city.

New line of the best and cheapest trousers ever in town just received. Full peg for \$2.50 at Randolph's.

Lightfoot.

Lightfoot, Va., July 25—Mrs. M. O. Elton and daughter, Miss Clara, were in Norfolk last week visiting friends.

Mrs. E. K. Pettitt called at Christopherson's last Sunday evening.

Mr. J. L. Trosvig was in Richmond on business last week.

Mr. Wm. Pettitt was in Richmond on business last Wednesday and was also in Newport News Sunday.

Miss Alice Brand went to Charlottesville last week to visit friends and relatives.

Mr. D. G. Wilson was in Oriana last Friday.

Mr. M. O. Elton spent yesterday in Williamsburg.

Miss Nellie Gulden was a guest of Miss Clara Levorsen last Sunday evening.

Mr. Carl Anderson, of Norge, was a visitor at Skimino last Sunday.

Lightfoot won the ball game against Biglers last Saturday by the score of 10 to 5.

Mr. M. L. Rustad has been thrashing wheat and oats for Mr. B. Benson this week.

The farmers here are all talking alfalfa now.

Rev. E. K. Odell was absent from the city most of last week attending his district conference which met at Charity church, Princess Anne county. He reports a pleasant and successful conference. Mrs. Odell went with him as far as Norfolk where she visited friends until his return.

Funeral of Mrs. Alexander.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Jennie Kelley Alexander, wife of Mr. Reed Alexander, took place from Methodist church of this place this afternoon. The pastor of the church, Rev. E. K. Odell, conducted the services and the interment was in Cedar Grove cemetery.

Mrs. Alexander was the mother of five sons and two daughters, three sons and one daughter surviving her. The deceased was fifty years of age and had been married thirty years. She was born at Carville, Ill., was married at Okley, Wis., and moved to Virginia with her husband eleven years ago from South Dakota, where they had moved soon after being married.

The many friends of the family feel a great loss in the death of this noble woman.

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Mr. M. O. Elton, who conducts a general store at Lightfoot, was in Williamsburg Monday. Mr. Elton advertises his stock of goods for sale, and is selling out on account of his health, his doctor having advised a change of climate. He expects to go to Montana, where he has children living.

D. C. H. DAVIS

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